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1 August 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of Mission C237C

1. General: Mission C237C (Canned Route 1039) was alerted by Project Headquarters at the 2000Z, 18 July 1967 weather briefing. Scheduled take off was 20 July Zulu date.

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Preplanned Mission Data:

Distance

Time to Landing

Penetration Altitude

Mission Profile

Take-off Fuel

Planned Fuel Reserve at Hi Cone

69,000 Feet

Maximum Altitude

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GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and

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Targets: This mission was planned to fulfill a USIB requirement for high resolution photography of priority targets in South China and along the North Vietnam border. 25 COMOR targets, of which 13 required base line coverage, were scheduled to be covered.

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2 Mission Data as Flown: The Article was launched at [redacted] 20 July 1967. Take off had been scheduled for [redacted] but was adjusted to make the control point good due to strong tail winds outbound. [redacted]

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[redacted] All eleven flight lines were flown as briefed with only minor deviations from course on five of them. In fact, the mission pilot adhered very close to the briefed route throughout the flight. 45 priority COMOR targets were photographed. Of this number, base line coverage was obtained on 8 of them. In addition to the COMOR targets above, 20 bonus targets were picked up. Generally, the weather was as briefed. Although the area of interest was forecast to be Category II, a small amount of Category III and IV weather was encountered, however, it did not impair the photo quality excessively. An estimated 35% cloud coverage was over the area of interest during the time of the photo runs.

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7. Photo Quality Analysis:

a. The Film Evaluation Report submitted [] rated the film quality as good with the exception of contrast, 9R metering and data recording which were considered fair. Discrepancies noted were:

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(1) Edge static was apparent throughout 9L and 9R.

(2) 5 frames on 9R had metering roll static.

(3) There were approximately 25 frames that had pinholes on 9L and 9R.

(4) Frilling was revealed on 45 frames on 9L.

(5) 8 frames on 9L had abrasions.

b. The Immediate Photo Interpretation Report (IPIR) prepared by [] reported the overall quality of the film as good with 35% cloud cover. The majority of the target photos that were classified fair or poor were obliques and/or partially obscured by clouds or haze. A breakdown by target reveals 19 rated good, 26 fair and 20 as poor in so far as interpretability. No discrepancies were reported on the "B-2" Configuration used on this mission.

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8. Maintenance: Article [] was scheduled for and flew this mission. No discrepancies were reported on the aircraft general, engine or allied equipment.

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Attachments - 2

1. Route Overlay
2. Targets Covered

IDEA/OSA [] (31 Jul 67)

Distribution:

- #1 - D/SA
- #2 - D/O/OSA
- #3 - SSD/R&D/OSA
- #4 - INTEL/OSA
- #5 - D/M/OSA
- #6 - IDEA/OSA
- #7 - RB/OSA
- #8 - Holdback

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TARGET COVERAGE REPORT FOR

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PART II (BONUS COMOR TARGETS)

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COMOR NO.	INSTALLATION NAME		INTERPRET- ABILITY	REMARKS
	Pei Hu Tsun Radar Facility	CH	fair	clear
	Hanoi/Gia Lam A/F	VN	poor	haze
	Phuc Yen A/F	VN	poor	haze
	Hoa Lac A/F	VN	poor	haze
	Kep A/F	VN	poor	scat. clouds
	Wu Chou A/F	CH	poor	scat. clouds
	Wei Chou Island Suspect Shipyard	CH	good	scat. clouds
	Pei Hai Naval Base	CH	poor	heavy clouds
	Nan Ao Port Facilities	CH	good	clear
	Chu Chiu Probable Barracks Area	CH	fair	scat clouds
	Ching Hsi Probable Military Storage	CH	good	clear
	Wen Chiao Military Installation	CH	fair	obliquity
	Wen Chang Army Barracks South	CH	poor	scat. clouds
	Lung Tang Army Barracks	CH	poor	haze
	Ping Hsiang Army Depot	CH	good	scat. clouds
	Bac Can Army Barracks and Supply	VN	poor	haze, obliquity
	Hai Kang Hq 144 Infantry Div.	CH	poor	scat. clouds obliquity
	Ping Hsiang RR to Dong Dang	CH	poor	haze, obliquity
	Pei Wu Hsu Munitions Storage	CH	poor	heavy clouds, obliquity
	Gao Bang Complex	VN	good	clear
	Po Lo Shih Military Complex	CH	fair	scat. clouds obliquity
	Sifa Point Probable Coastal Defense Site	CH	fair	clear obliquity

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PART III (OTHER BONUS TARGETS)

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A.

DATA BASE TARGETS COVERED BY MISSION C237C:

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1.	Lang Son A/F	VN
2.	Ning Ming A/F	CH
3.	Ching Lan Naval Base	CH
4.	Ping Hsiang RR to Dong Dang	CH
5.	Kuei Hsien Army Bks.	CH
6.	Dong Dang Complex	VN
7.	Cao Bang Complex	VN
8.	Heng Hsien HPP Lock & Dam	CH

B.

23	of 25 programmed targets covered
22	other COMOR targets covered (not programmed)
45	Total COMOR Targets covered
20	Bonus targets (non COMOR) covered
65	Total

C.

Of the 45 COMOR targets covered, 21 are Priority 1; 6 are Priority 2; and 18 are Priority 3.

D.

The overall quality of Mission C237C was good with 35% cloud cover.

(per overseas readout,)

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